



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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 ) MSDI-1006/PC767.01  
MULTI-AXIAL, CROSS-LINK CONNECTOR )  
SYSTEM FOR SPINAL IMPLANTS )

### SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In supplement to Applicant's previous response to a non-final Office Action filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 27, 2008, please enter and consider the following remarks and accompanying documents. No extension of time fees are believed to be required with regard to the filing of this supplemental response since the previous response was fully responsive to the non-final Office Action dated June 26, 2008. However, please provide any extensions of time deemed necessary and please charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include the payment of any issue fees.

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The Applicant filed a response with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 27, 2008 that was fully responsive to the non-final Office Action dated June 26, 2008. The current response is supplemental to the previous response filed on October 27, 2008.